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REMARKS

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1. On 23 December 1952, jeeps [] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked at the main entrance of the former Kreisgericht (district court) on Schiesstattring in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Logs and some recently treated lumber were observed in the lumber yard of the Eugen Kaserne. About 16 EM loaded four mortars on a truck in the barracks yard of the Rainer Kaserne; the truck left the installation toward Camp Spratzern (O 49/W 88). Three trucks [] were parked in the barracks yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Trucks [] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the installation. Truck [] was parked in front of the building on Werner Strasse; 3 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 6 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia or tank insignia were seen at the installation.
2. On 23 December, 7 trucks and 1 weapon carrier were parked at Camp Spratzern. Trucks [] were observed at the installation. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.
3. On 24 December, jeep [] and truck [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). The low wooden building near the surrounding wall of the Albrechts Kaserne was completed. Trucks [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the installation. About 30 EM practiced with three AA machine guns at the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg. The installation was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.
4. On 24 December, three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Trucks [] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Artillerie Kaserne. Commands were heard from the air target installation in the Artillerie Kaserne. About 30 EM practiced aiming with rifles at the firing range east of the installation.

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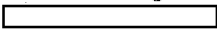
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 Comment. The information indicates no change in the previous estimate of the situation. Most of the vehicle  at St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern are assigned to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The vehicles reported from Kornenburg and Stockerau belong to the 23rd AAA Div.

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